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[FOREWORD]

Issues to Consider As We Begin the Year 2001

Ikuo Koike, President

We have ushered in the 21st century, and as we stand at the beginning of a new age, JACET faces new challenges and opportunities for growth.

At the end of the last century, we had the privilege to host AILA '99 from August 1-6. Significant progress was made at the subsequent Asian Conference on Language Education Policy. I am extremely honored to have been able to coordinate these conventions, and am grateful for the dedication and long hours of effort of all who organized and participated. This includes time-consuming post-conference discussions and activities which resulted in the arduous task of compiling a congress report and the publication of a CD-ROM and a special volume entitled "Selected Papers from AILA '99 Tokyo".

AILA provided us with an opportunity to reach out to the world, and have the world come to Japan. The deliberations and international exchange which took place at the convention will benefit educators and scholars in Japan and nations throughout the world.

As we face a new millenium, Japan is seeing a

decline in its university-age population. Many universities and colleges face the danger of down-sizing or closing down. One of JACET's roles is to debate possible measures to avert as many of these closures as possible. JACET is now conducting a nation-wide survey of universities, and is analyzing pedagogical systems and working to ascertain the present situation. The first stage of the analysis has ended, and we are now launching a new study on individual educators and researchers. We ask for your cooperation in completing the survey, so that JACET can obtain an accurate picture of the status quo, and propose and implement measures to improve English education and foreign language education in Japan.

Various pending issues need to be addressed. One crucial issue is improving the aptitude of English teachers at all stages of the education spectrum, and motivating languid students. Japan is at a critical stage of development. It needs to educate students who will be able to freely use language as a means by which they function at the global level. The status of English education is still unclear at the

elementary level. At middle schools and high schools, students are now required to learn fewer English terms, and the size of textbooks is being reduced. Such measures stifle opportunities to educate potential international players.

Another disturbing move is the disbanding of liberal arts departments at many universities, resulting in the dispersal of English teachers throughout various other departments.

As universities and colleges meet with financial pressure, foreign language teachers face the possibility of losing their jobs, and being replaced by part-time teachers. We need to re-consider the basic principles of foreign language education, and clarify what needs to be done. JACET needs to meet the needs of its members, and address the issues at hand.

JACET must restructure and adapt to the needs of the new century. I hope that all JACET members will participate in the long and laborious, yet promising path before us.

Report from the JACET Office Hiromi Kobayashi, Secretary General

JACET activities from April, 2000 to March, 2001 Our main activities were as follows.

(1) Annual Convention

The 39th Annual Convention was held from November 3-5 at the Okinawa International University.

(2) Chapter Conventions

Each chapter held its own convention on the following dates. Tohoku: June 10, Hokkaido: June 17, Chubu: June 10, Kansai: June 10, Chugoku-Shikoku: June 4, Kyushu-Okinawa: November 3-5.

(3) Regular Publications

JACET Bulletin No.32-33 and JACET News No.123-127 were published.

(4) JACET FD Seminar

The JACET Faculty Development Seminar was held on December 23 at Waseda University. The theme of the seminar was "Computer and English Language Education".

(5) JACET English Teaching Seminar

The 10th English Teaching Seminar was held at Toyo University on March 29. The theme was "Teaching How to Apply Basic English Skills".

(6) JACET Monthly Meetings

Six regular monthly meetings and one special

meeting were held at Tokyo Denki University.

(7) International Exchange Programs

Prof. Yoji Tanabe and Prof. Masanori Toyota represented JACET at the Annual RELC Seminar. Prof. Kumiko Murata attended the IATEFL Conference. Prof. Mikio Namoto, Prof. Masayoshi Kinoshita, Prof. Hideo Oka, and Prof. Yukie Ueno attended the International KATE Conference. Prof. Hiromi Kobayashi attended the TESOL Conference.

Chapter News

[Hokkaido Chapter Report]

(1) Annual Chapter Convention

The 2000 convention was held at Hokkaido University on June 17. At the general meeting, the accounts for the 1999 fiscal year and the budget for 2000 were submitted and approved.

After the meeting, papers were presented by two members: "Second Language Vocabulary Acquisition Strategies Used by Senior High School Students" by Norihiko Takeuchi (graduate student at Tsukuba Univ.) and "Listening Activities through Films in English" by Toshihiko Kobayashi

(Otaru Univ. of Commerce).

In the second session, there was a symposium entitled "What Next? What to do? – The Future of College English Education in Japan" organized by Masaharu Morinaga (Hokkaido Univ. of Education, Asahikawa). The audience was impressed by the panellists' enthusiastic reports on this issue:

Shoichi Ishikawa (Shoin Women's Univ.), Yasuko Momono (Asahikawa Minami High School) & Ayako Saito (Sapporo International Univ.). Participants enjoyed a heated discussion between the enthusiastic panellists and the active audience.

(2) Lecture Meetings

The following lecture meetings were held this year.

1.Date: Dec.9(Sat.)13:00-14:30

Venue: Fuji Women's University

<Lectures>

Speaker: Takashi Higuchi (Kokugakuin Junior College)

Topic: Proposals to Renew College Education in Japan, Based on My 44 years Teaching English

Speaker: Yukie Ueno (Hokkai Gakuen Univ.)

Topic: KATE 2000 Report: English Education in Asia

2.Date: Feb.10(Sat.)13:00-15:00 Venue: Hokkaido University

<Lectures>

Speaker: Nobuaki Hayashi (Iwamizawa Higashi High school)

Topic: Threshold Hypothsis and EFL Reading Speaker: Mark Irwin (Hokkaido Univ.)

Topic: It Shouldn't Have to Be Trachelodynia -Teaching Greek Root Based English Medical Vocabulary-

(3) Preparations for the 2001 JACET Annual Convention

In the year 2001, the JACET Hokkaido Chapter will organize the 2001 JACET Annual Convention at Fuji Women's University, Sapporo, Hokkaido, on Sept.14-16. Preparations for a successful convention are already under way. We ask all members of JACET to attend, participate in, and enjoy the 1st JACET Convention of the 21st century! (Tadashi Bannai)

[Tohoku Chapter Report]

Annual Chapter Convention

The annual convention of 2000 was held at Tohoku Gakuin University on June 10. At the general meeting, accounts for the 1999 fiscal year and the budget for 2000 were proposed and approved. After the general meeting Prof. Ikuo Koike (Meikai Univ., President of JACET) gave a special lecture entitled "Proposals to the Prime Minister: Reforms of Foreign Language Education in Japan." The special lecture was followed by another special lecture ("Advanced CALL--Personalized Learning is Now Possible") given by Prof. Chisato Furuya (planetLingo). Next on the agenda, Prof. Hisako Murakawa (Univ. of Aizu) organized a symposium on the role of computers in teaching English. Professor Murakawa and two panelists discussed this issue from different perspectives:

Tom Orr (Univ. of Aizu) "Computer Applications for University Writing Courses"

Mark Friermuth (Univ. of Aizu) "On-Line Chat Applications"

Hisako Murakawa (Univ. of Aizu) "Teaching Pronunciation on Computer Workstations"

Special Lecture in Akita

The Tohoku Chapter invited special lecturer Dr. David Ingram (Driffith Univ. Australia) for a meeting on August 19 at Akita University. The title of his lecture was "Language Proficiency

Assessment and its Application to Communicative Language Teaching."

Study Meetings

Three study meetings were held and five presentations were given by members of the Tohoku Chapter:

- (1) Yumi Sato (Grad. School, Tohoku Gakuin Univ.)
 "On Errors in Using Articles" (April 8 at Tohoku Gakuin Univ.)
- (2) Miyako Seki (Miyagi Gakuin Women's College) "How to Make Use of Tolkien's *Mr. Bliss* in College English Classes" (April 8 at Tohoku Gakuin Univ.)
- (3) Megumi Sugiyama (Tohoku Bunka Gakuen Univ.) "Processing of Anaphoric Devices and Metacognitive Monitoring: Reviews of Related Studies" (October 14 at Tohoku Gakuin Univ.)
- (4) Motonobu Chiba (Miyagi National College of Technology) "Procedures and Prospects in Developing English Teaching Materials" (December 9 at Tohoku Gakuin Univ.)
- (5) Tsuneo Takanashi (Hirosaki Univ.) "New Trends in English Education and Research" (December 9 at Tohoku Gakuin Univ.)

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JACET-Tohoku Newsletter 22 was issued in February, 2001. It includes reports of special lectures and presentations.

(Hitoshi Muranoi)

[Chubu Chapter Report]

Annual Chapter Convention

The Chubu Chapter Convention of the year 2000 was held at Shizuoka University on June 10th.

At the General Meeting, the accounts for the 1999 fiscal year and the budget for 2000 were submitted and approved. Also the new Chapter executives were appointed and approved. Prof. Shuzo Yamanaka (Nagoya Women's Univ.) assumed the office of Chapter President, taking the place of Prof. Mitsuho Sugawara (Gifu Women's College).

In the morning session, nine papers were presented in three different rooms. In the afternoon, Prof. Hideo Oka (Tokyo Univ. Graduate School) gave a special lecture entitled "Bilingualism and the Ability to Learn Foreign Languages." This was followed by a symposium on "English Teaching of the 21st Century --- Objectives and Evaluation-." The panelists were Steve Ross (Kwansei Gakuin Univ.), Masashi Negishi (Tokyo Univ. of Foreign

Studies), Osamu Kamada (Kyoto Univ. of Foreign Studies).

Lecture Meetings and Study Meeting

Two lecture meetings were held: (1) George Yule (Former Prof. At Louisiana State Univ.) and Maryann Overstreet (Prof. at the Univ. of Hawaii) gave lectures on the same topic, "Developing Pragmatic Awareness in English" on September 21st at Nagoya Univ. of Foreign Studies; and (2) Katsutoshi Ito (Prof. at Kanagawa Univ.) gave a lecture on "Psycholinguistics and Foreign Language Teaching --- With the Emphasis on Children's Foreign Language Acquisition ---" on October 14th at Nanzan Junior College. The former was under the auspices of Nagoya Univ. of Foreign Studies and the latter of Nanzan Junior College.

Tokai Gakuen Univ. hosted a study meeting on December 9th. Sanae Tsuda (Prof. at Tokai Gakuen Univ.), a member of the Politeness Studies SIG, gave a talk on "Forms of Address in English and Japanese - Functions in Discourse-."

Executive Committee Meetings and Steering Committee Meeting

Five Executive Committee Meetings took place on May 6th at Shizuoka Univ., July 15th at Nagoya Women's Univ., October 14th at Nanzan Junior College, December 9th at Tokai Gakuen Univ. and January 11th at Nagoya Women's Univ. One Steering Committee Meeting for the Annual Chubu Chapter Convention was held on May 5th at Shizuoka Univ.

Publications

JACET-Chubu Newsletter, No.3 (March, 2000) and No. 4 (Dec. 2000) were published. (Ikuko Goto)

[Kansai Chapter Report]

Our main activities since April 2000 include the following;

1. Lecture Meeting (cosponsored by the British Council) Date: May 13, 2000

Place: Shiran Hall

Peter Stockwell (Univ. of Nottingham),
"Futuretalk: One Small Step Towards a
Chronolinguistics"

2. Spring Convention

Date: June 10, 2000

Place: Bukkyo Univ. (Murasakino Campus)
(1) Workshop: "Recent Linguistic Study and English Grammar" Michiko Yaguchi (graduate student at

Kobe Mun. Univ. of Foreign Studies), Hiroyuki Takagi (Kinki Univ.), Junichi Murata (Kobe Mun. Univ. of Foreign Studies)

- (2) Presentations: Hiroko Okabe (graduate student at Kobe Mun. Univ. of Foreign Studies) "Complimentary Styles among Women and Men - A Contrastive Study between Japanese and English"; Toshinobu Fukuya (graduate student at Bukkyo Univ.) "How do Students Understand 'Black Culture' in the Cross-cultural Education Class?"; Nozomi Hayashi (graduate student at Kvoto Univ.) "How to Develop Critical Language Consciousness"; Kinko Tamamaki (lecturer at Kobe Univ.) "Vocabulary Knowledge of Technical English of Students Majoring in Medicine and the Science of Nursing"; Makoto Imura (graduate student at Osaka Univ.) "Constructing a Corpus of English Movies and the Study of Spoken English"; Kiyoko Kobayashi (graduate student at Bukkyo Univ.) "A Study of the Temporal Conjunction since"
- (3) Symposium: "New Directions in College English Education"

Chair: Yasuteru Ohtani (The Univ. of Shiga Pref.), Panelists: Katsuyoshi Sanematsu(Rikkyo Univ.), Fumio Takemae (Asia Univ.), Takeo Fujii (Kansai Gaidai Univ.), Takaaki Kanzaki (Kwansei Gakuin Univ.)

3. JACET English Phonetics Workshop

Date: June 24-25, 2000

Place: Kyoto International Conference Hall Sponsored by Maruzen/Pearson Education, the British Council

"English Phonetics: Characteristics of Connected Speech"

June 24:

- (1) Lecture: "Dictionary Pronunciation and Connected Speech", Prof. John C. Wells (University College London)
- (2) Practice: Prof. John C. Wells, Prof. Jane Setter (Hong Kong Polytechnic Univ.)
- (3) Lecture: "How to Approach English Pronunciation - A Personal Viewpoint", Prof. Kazuhiko Matsuno (Univ. of Tokyo) June 25:
- Lecture: "Stress-timing, Syllable-timing and Mora-timing: Rhythm in English Pronunciation", Prof. Jane Setter
- (2) Practice: Prof. John C. Wells, Prof. Jane Setter
- (3) Q & A Session: Prof. John C. Wells, Prof. Jane Setter

4. Fall Convention

Date: Oct. 14, 2000

Place: Kinran Junior College

- (1) Workshop: "Reading Literature in the ESL/EFL Context", Richard Day (Univ. of Hawaii), Harumi Ishino (Osaka International Univ. for Women), Shinji Matsumoto (Ryukoku Univ.)
- (2) Presentations: Hiromi Kimoto (Akashi Kosen), Mayumi Hamada (Ryutsu Kagaku Univ.) "Silent Movie Approach to Silent Students"; Hiroaki Miyake (graduate student at Kyoto Univ.), "Strategic Use of Intonation in Conversational English"; Mitsuko Kuramoto (Lecturer at Kinki Univ.), Yuko Matsumura (Lecturer at Kinki Univ.), Shinsuke Yoshida (Setsunan Univ.), Chuji Noro (Soai Univ.), Haruyo Yoshida (Setsunan Univ.), Shuhei Kadota (Kwansei Gakuin Univ.) "The Co-relation between Word Decording Skills and Sentence Processing in EFL Reading"; Hideo Hibino (Emeritus Prof. Of Kinran Junior College) "A Contrastive Study of the Longman Grammar of Spoken and Written English and COBUILD Corpus" (3) Symposium: "Some Suggestions Linguistic Theories Give to English Language Education", Chair: Nobuo Okada (Kyoto Univ. of Education), Panelists: Kazuhiro Kodama (Kyoto Univ.), Takao Hayashi (Momoyama Gakuin Univ.)

5. JACET Kyoto Seminar 2000

Date: Oct. 28-29, 2000

Place: Kyoto International Conference Hall
Theme: "English Dictionaries - Today and
Tomorrow"

Invitational Lecturers: Yoshihiko Ikegami (Showa Women's College), Geoffrey Leech (Univ. of Lancaster), Miki Ebara (NHK Newscaster).

Lecturers: Stephen Bullon (Pearson Education), Sally Behmeier (Oxford University Press), Patrick Gillard (Cambridge University Press), Kensei Sugayama (Kobe Mun. Univ of Foreign Studies.), Tokumi Kodama (Ritsumeikan Univ.), Hideshi Sato (Kansai Gaidai Univ.)

6. Lecture Meeting (Oral Communication SIG)

Date: Nov. 7, 2000

Place: Tezukayama Junior College

Dave Willis (Univ. of Birmingham), "Language Description and Language Teaching" (Yasuko Miyoshi)

[Chugoku/Shikoku Chapter Report]

The Annual Chapter Convention was held on June 4

2000 at Shikoku University. Special features of the conference were, first, a workshop by Professor Junsaku Nakamura on "How to use on- line Corpus Data Base" and, second, a workshop/simposium by Takeshi Tamai and Kaoru Iseno on "Usefulness of Action Research." Participants benefited greatly from the workshops.

Two Lecture Meetings were held in the year 2000. One was by a Pakistani Canadian, Salman Amjad, on "Anti-bias Education and Cooperative Learning," which was held at Hiroshima Kokusai Gakuin University on July 1. The other was given by the renowned Takao Suzuki, whose talk was entitled: "Let us aim at International English which is free from particular nationality or culture." He presented the lecture at Matsuyama University on January 9, 2001.

The Lodge and Study Gathering of the year was held on the coast of Seto Inland Sea in Uno. Two senior members of the chapter, Hiroji Nakamura and Akio Notohara gave lectures. Professor Nakamura talked about the "Future English Education in university" and participants benefited greatly from experience drawn from Professor Notohara's 50-years in English education.

(Jiro Numano)

[Kyushu/Okinawa Chapter Report]

As host of the annual nationwide conference, the millennium year was one of the busiest years in memory for the Kyushu-Okinawa Chapter. Preparations for the conference began early in the vear and continued until the day before the conference. In keeping with a strong interest in English education in East Asia in Kyushu, a number of distinguished scholars from Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan were invited to participate in the conference, which ended with a fruitful symposium on various issues in English education in Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Taiwan. As the sponsor of the nationwide conference, the Chapter did not hold an annual conference in 2000; the annual conference will resume again in the fall of 2001.

Ties with Asia were also strengthened by the Chapter's local activities. In May, the Chapter, in cooperation with Kyushu-Okinawa Chapter of The Japan Association for the Study of Teaching English to Children (JASTEC), invited Dr. Park Mae-ran of Pukyong University (Pusan), as a guest lecturer. Dr. Park discussed various aspects of elementary school

English education in Korea in a lecturer entitled "Teaching English in Elementary Schools in Korea." The lecture was an excellent opportunity for Chapter members and others to learn first-hand about recent developments in South Korea.

The Chapter also strengthened the editorial procedures over the annual journal last year. The number of blind reviewers increased over previous years, thus insuring that every paper could be read by at least two reviewers. The new procedures resulted in a significant improvement in the quality of the journal.

Relations with the Yongnam English Teachers Association (YETA), which is composed of teachers and researchers in the Southeastern region of the Republic of Korea, continued to strengthen. June, Professor Suzuki Chizuko of Nagasaki Junshin Catholic University was invited as a guest lecturer at YETA's spring conference and in October, Dr. Robert J. Fouser of Kagoshima University was invited as a guest lecturer at the fall conference. The Chapter invited Dr. Lee Hyo-woong of Korea Maritime University (Pusan) and president of YETA as the keynote speaker at the nationwide conference November. Relations have also been strengthened over the past year by the publication of articles by Chapter members in YETA's journal and by YETA members in the Chapter's journal.

Taken together, successful completion of the nationwide conference, strengthening of relations with YETA and other Asian scholars, and improvements in the quality of the annual journal made for a productive year that laid the groundwork for continued success in 2001. Reports on the activities of the Chapter's three special interest groups--English Education in East Asia, ESP: English for Special Purposes, and English and Computers--will be presented in the next issue of the Newsletter.

(Robert J. Fouser)

Reports from Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

[Chugoku-Shikoku]

<College English Education in Asia>

The group published its fourth volume of collected papers in April after a year's absence. This latest volume has two papers on India: "An

observation of Indian English, particularly English spoken by Tamil," by Jiro Numano and the "Role of English in India and the relationship between English and Indian culture," by Fumiko Kondo, both from Hiroshima Kokusai Gakuin. The papers strongly suggest a new way of looking at English spoken in outer circle (in D. Crystal's term). Another paper is "A report of Training English teachers in China" by Yayoi Akagi and Marilyn Higgins. The group now represented by Professor Ikadatsu plans to publish its fifth volume.

Other Reports

Committee Reports:

The General Survey Committee

Akira Mikami

Toyo Women's College

JACET conducted nationwide surveys 20 years ago and published 5 volume reports in 10 years. The surveys were informative and greatly contributed to the reform of English education in Japan. These studies, however, are outdated after reforms at many universities and colleges in Japan. JACET has decided that new surveys need to be conducted quickly.

The objectives of the surveys are:

- 1. To ascertain the current state of language education in Japan.
- 2. To consider the significance of language education in Japan.
- 3. To assess language teachers.
- To consolidate the opinion of language teachers on language education.
- 5. To determine if gaps exist between what society needs and what language teachers offer.

Presentation:

Networked English Language Education at Waseda University

Michiko Nakano Waseda University

Waseda University has been running crosscultural distance language learning, cyber lectures and online-English Tutorials since 1999. This is a report concerning the nature of this networked English Language Learning.

The Cross-Cultural Distance Learning (CCDL)

project at Waseda recruited teachers from several universities from various locations throughout the world: Korea University (Korea), Kangwon National University (Korea), De La Salle University (the Phillipines), University of Malaya (Malaysia), University of Chulalongkorn (Thailand), Thammasat University (Thailand), National University of Singapore (Singapore), RELC (Singapore), Capital Normal University (China), Essex University (U.K.) and National Taiwan Normal University (Taiwan). University of Edinburgh (U.K.), University of Hawaii at Hiro (U.S.A.) and University of Brunei (Brunei) are going to join us in 2001. During the presentation, the tasks assigned to the students were explained and some analysis of data was touched upon. For detail, please visit our Home Page: http://www.project.mnc.waseda.ac.jp/ccdl/

Next, I introduced five cyber courses offered at Waseda in 2000. Dr Alan Davies at Edinburgh gave us 8 lectures on "Current Issues of Applied Linguistics" and Dr Hugh Trappes-Lomax also gave us 8 lectures on Sociolinguistics. Dr Ian Neary at Essex offered us 5 lectures on "Human Rights and Japanese Values." Dr Mike Long, Dr Dick Schmidt, and Dr Cathy Doughty gave us a series of lectures on Second Language Acquisition in relation to recent research findings on Critical Period. Richards and Dr Bells at RELC also gave us lectures on Methodological issues. Korea University also offered 10 research reports by those who recently finished their Ph.D's in America. These cyber lectures were announced to JACET members who were requested to share helpful lectures. We have uploaded handouts on our Home page: http://pc171115.pc.waseda.ac.jp/ccdl/

Finally I talked about on-line English Tutorials which are based on the Video-Conferencing System. In 2000, about 1000 Waseda students participated in this system. One tutor is assigned for every four students. Teachers conduct their English speaking lessons on line. The students were grouped according to SST test scores. The method of teaching was explained during my presentation.

Notices

AILA 2002 Singapore
December 16-21, 2002, Singapore
13th World Congress of Applied Linguistics
Abstract submission deadline: August 31, 2001

Please register on the website.

Early Bird Registration Deadline: July 31, 2001

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